

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

Ward 7 Advisory Team Meeting

February 26, 2018
Capitol View Neighborhood Library
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Ward 7 Advisory Team Members

Name	Inviting Organization	Affiliations	Attendance
Keith Towery	Marshall Heights Civic Association	Marshall Heights Civic Association President, Team Co-Chair	Present
Ashley Emerson	ANC 7E	Chairperson ANC 7E; Commissioner 7E05	Present
Ebbon Allen	ANC 7E	Commissioner 7E03	Not present
Jaime Brown	ANC 7E	Resident, Woodson Heights Condo Assc.	Present
Linda Singleton	ANC 7E	Nalle Elementary School, Parent Coordinator	Not present
David Alaga	Marshall Heights Civic Association	Marshall Heights Civic Association Member	Not present
Kevin Chavous	Marshall Heights Civic Association	Marshall Heights Civic Association Member	Not present
Gloria Keaton	Marshall Heights Civic Association	Marshall Heights Civic Association Member	Not present
Michael Ferrell	Interagency Council on Homelessness	Coalition for the Homeless	Present
Jennifer Speight	Interagency Council on Homelessness	Resides in Ward 7	Not present

Forest Hayes	Administration	Director, Senior Advisor, Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity, Team Co-Chair	Present
Marcus Brummer	Department of General Services (DGS)	Project Manager	Present
Sedrick Muhammed	Councilmember Gray	DC Council	Not present

Additional Support Staff Present

Jamie Keene	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health & Human Services
Allison Tucker	Department of Human Services
Candace Nelson	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity
Jackie Stanley	Department of General Services (DGS)
Kai Bough	MCN Build

Additional community members present:

- Josh Easterson, Marshall Heights Civic Association
- Coran Jallah, Ward 7 resident
- Lauren Grimes, Ward 7 resident
- Clarice Desgraves, Ward 7 resident

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Construction progress update
3. Good Neighbor Agreement
4. Construction employment opportunities
5. RFO status update and timeline
6. Summary and next steps

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Community Co-Chair Keith Towery and Administration Co-Chair Forest Hayes opened the meeting and led a round of introductions.

2. Construction progress updates

DGS project manager Marcus Brummer shared an update on construction. Site excavation has been completed. Concrete activities are currently underway. The slab on grade will begin next week, and the first floor elevated slab will come online in the coming weeks. The steel for the building's podium will begin to be erected on site soon. DGS shared photographs of the progress on site, as well as a photograph of the modular units being constructed for the site.

DGS staff shared an update on the delivery of modular units to the construction site. A traffic route will be planned to accommodate larger truck deliveries to the site. DGS is projecting that the first modular delivery will arrive in late April, and the last modular delivery will arrive in July. As soon as DGS has the timeframe for the deliveries and the traffic route, details will be shared with the Advisory Team, ANC, and immediate neighbors.

DGS also shared an update on rodent abatement on site. Abatement will begin this Friday, and they will be abating every two weeks around the perimeter of the site. Rodent controls will be placed throughout the site, and these controls will be adjusted every two weeks.

Comment: Immediate neighbors who live in apartment buildings or condos could use more notification about the construction progress.

Answer: DGS will work with the Advisory Team to get the right contact information for these buildings to provide notifications. DGS will work with the Co-Chairs of the Advisory Team on posting fliers in the neighborhood for future notifications.

Comment: There is a concern that construction is occurring after 7pm.

Answer: DGS does not tolerate after hours construction without prior notification to the community. DGS will be following up with their contractor to ensure compliance.

3. Good Neighbor Agreement

Department of Human Services (DHS) staff shared an update on the process to develop a Good Neighbors Agreement (GNA). The GNA has been largely completed, and the Advisory Team has completed their role in developing the document. The document will be finalized this summer by the Advisory Team after the provider selected to operate the site.

Several items are outstanding in the Good Neighbor Agreement, and the Department of Human Services is working collaboratively with the Advisory Team's leadership to clarify final language.

The Advisory Team also decided to undertake a collaborative process to give community members an opportunity to weigh in on the building's name. The building name process will be discussed at the next Advisory Team meeting.

Question: Will there be a ribbon cutting ceremony when the program opens?

Answer: There will be a planned way to celebrate the opening of the program, a formal event has yet to be planned, and will be planned in coordination with the Advisory Team.

4. Construction employment opportunities

DGS staff shared that the agency is executing on its commitment to identify employment opportunities on the Short-term Family Housing construction projects. MCN Build shared updates on their participation in the African American Prosperity + Jobs Fair. MCN collected 50 resumes for jobs on the Short-term Family Housing project in Ward 7, and still has additional positions to fill. MCN Build shared details with the Advisory Team on how residents can apply for positions.

5. DHS Provider Selection update

DHS provided an update on the process for selecting a provider to operate the site. DHS is completing the scope of work for their RFQ for providers to operate the Short-term Family Housing sites. The RFQ will likely go live in April, and DHS will host a conference with providers to learn more about the project. The provider will be selected during the summer and on-boarded.

Question: Will a community member be able to review the proposals with the District to provide community feedback?

Answer: DHS will look into this and will bring an answer back to the next Advisory Team meeting.